



**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**January 24, 2019**

**Christopher Schiano  
DEPT MR 57045  
411A Highland Avenue  
Somerville, Massachusetts 02144**

**Re: FOIA Request No.: 2019-FOIA-01986**

**Dear Mt. Schiano:**

**This letter is in response to the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the following:**

**“Any email, sent or received by any employee of the Metropolitan Police Department between the dates of January 14, 2017 and February 1, 2017 which contains any mention of the group "Project Veritas".”**

**In your FOIA request, you requested a fee waiver. Upon review, your request for a fee waiver is denied.**

**The review of the file also indicates that we do not have a record of having received a statement of your agreement to pay FOIA processing charges that may be incurred in the processing of your FOIA request, as requested. Therefore, your FOIA request has been administratively closed.**

**You may resubmit your FOIA request at a later time, along with a statement of willingness to pay potential FOIA processing charges that may be incurred.**

**Please know that, under D.C. Official Code § 2-537 and 1 DCMR § 412, you have the right to appeal this letter to the Mayor or to the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. If you elect to appeal to the Mayor, your appeal must be in writing and contain “Freedom of Information Act Appeal” or “FOIA Appeal” in the subject line of the letter as well on the outside of the envelope. The appeal must include (1) a copy of the original request; (2) a copy of any written denial; (3) a statement of the circumstances, reasons, and/or arguments advanced in support of disclosure; and (4) a daytime telephone number, an e-mail and/or U.S. mailing address at which you can be reached.**

**The appeal must be mailed to: The Mayor’s Office of Legal Counsel, FOIA Appeal, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 407, Washington, D.C. 20004. Electronic versions of the**

same information can instead be e-mailed to The Mayor's Office of Legal Counsel at [foia.appeals@dc.gov](mailto:foia.appeals@dc.gov). Further, a copy of all appeal materials must be forwarded to the Freedom of Information Officer of the involved agency, or to the agency head of that agency, if there is no designated Freedom of Information Officer there. Failure to follow these administrative steps will result in delay in the processing and commencement of a response to your appeal to the Mayor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Eckert". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bob" and last name "Eckert" clearly distinguishable.

Bob Eckert  
FOIA Specialist  
Metropolitan Police Department  
Freedom of Information Act Office  
[Robert.eckert@dc.gov](mailto:Robert.eckert@dc.gov)  
"We are here to help."